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Lord of Outlandish
Lord Alik Boleslavsson

Lady of May
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Lord Oengus mac Conchobhair

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Lady Elanor Dreamweaver

Flower of Chivalry
Don Charles Robert Blackstone

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Don Govanen Blackwell

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Sir Stefan of the Wanderers

Protector of the Baroness's heart
Lord Traithgren McCormick

Baronial Arts and Science Champion
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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- 14 STAGSCON *Blaidhwy* ○
 28 ST. GOLIAS FEAST DAY *St. Golias*

NOVEMBER

- 4 QUEEN'S COLLEGIUM *Dragonspine*
 11-12 CORONATION *Gleann Medonach*
 19 TOYS FOR TOTS *al-Barran* ○

⌘ attendance by His Excellency ❖ attendance by Her Excellency ○ attendance by Their Excellencies

from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings to the grand populous of al-Barran,

We hope all in al-Barran are having as much fun as we are. Congratulations to Their Graces, Duke Artan and Duchess Aziza for their victory at crown tourney and a big thank you for bringing the Crown back to al-Barran. We also want to thank all the good gentles who came to al-Barran's Champions tourneys in the park. A big huzzah to all the winners! We both look forward to a wonderful year with all of the new champions at our side.

Now that the weather is getting a bit cooler and the tournament fields are becoming a little less used, it is time to look toward Atenveldt for the coming of WAR. The Outlands is in need of all of our fighters both light and heavy, archers and artisans, and all the rest of the populace to make every effort to come to WAR. It will be at a new site so it ought to be fun. Come one, come all to help win this next war against Atenveldt and her allies!

In Service to the Barony,

Gregor

BARON

Monika

BARONESS



from the Knight Marshal

Greeting to the good populous of al-Barran,

War approaches!!! Warrior of al-Barran, it is time to prepare to meet our foes on the bloody fields of Estrella, time to prepare to follow our Baron into battle! Our mighty king has appointed Duke Olaf as our General and there are many new things (and many old) that we need to practice and drill so we can carry the Stag to victory.

Come to the park and join in the melees, knock the rust off your armour and sharpen up your skills. Also, there is a updated Marshall's Handbook and there are a few changes to the armour and weapon construction standards. Make yourselves familiar with these and make sure your armour and weapons are in compliance. My deputies and I will be inspecting armour at fighter practice to help identify any problems. The new handbook is available on the SCA website (www.sca.org) and I will have a limited amount of copies available at fighter practice. So come to the park and prepare for WAR!

In Service,
THL Chinua



An Important Message from the Baron

Unto the populace of al-Barran I send greetings,

As some of you may know we have a small but dedicated corps of spies throughout the Kingdom to give us information in order to keep us safe. For their safety, know that I can not give you their names. However two such valiant people intercepted a letter between His Excellency Duncan of Fontaine dans Sable and one of his advisors Sir Qara Gan. This letter talks of a plan to have Their Excellencies vacation in a natural preserve protected by al-Barran. This preserve is called Cuba, New Mexico, some sixty miles north and west of al-Barran on the road to Fontaine dans Sable. Having His Excellency, family and retainers spend a few weeks resting after war with Atenveldt is not such a bad thing nor is it a crime against al-Barran. Yet the letter also describes a plot to store in hiding a weapon of mass destruction in the village of Cuba. This we CANNOT tolerate. The tribe in Cuba, the natural wild life and us should fear for our lives because this weapon is nothing less than a ballista.

Your Baroness and I will continue to search out the truth and draw up plans with our own advisors to counter this plot and protect Cuba. Please rest assured that al-Barran is in no danger and as this story unfolds you will all be informed. Please be of firm heart and rest easy until more information comes our way.

Your Baron,
Sir Gregor

from the A&S Minister

Greetings,

Arts in the Park is now over for the season. Ingrid Taylor's Bonsai class was a hit. Thank you to everyone who participated with us. We will start up this program next year when the weather gets warm again. I was unable to attend Champions this year due to mundane things popping up. Thank you to my Deputy, Kimberly Blackwood and to Snip for running the Scorpion in any Medium and the German Chocolate Cake competitions for me. You guys did a wonderful job.

I understand that there were some awesome entries for the Scorpion in any Medium competition. The winners are as follows:

1st place: Pyrography and Gold Leaf on wood - Kata, 32 votes

Tie for 2nd Place: Copper Scorpion - Serafian 15 votes

Armor Bag - Dalia 15 votes

3rd Place: Scorpion Bowl - no one got her name, 14 votes (if anyone remembers who she is, please email me)

The winner of the German Chocolate Cake competition was Lady Thaluriana.

There are a couple of thing of interest happening this month:

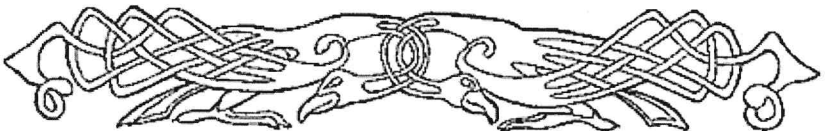
14 Oct: Stags Con at UNM

28 Oct: St. Goliath Feast Day

I am going to try to compile a list of people wanting to attend the Queen's A&S Collegium in Dragonsspine on Nov 4th, so that those needing a ride can carpool and hotel share with others. Please email me with your contact info if you wish to share a ride. I will need to know who will be able to drive and who needs a ride and how much room you will have. I am hoping to attend as well. I need to know by the about Oct 20th so that I can get people matched up with rides. You will have to make your own hotel reservations.

Please email me with your projects from September by the 8th of October so that I can put you in my reports to Kingdom. I know you are out there doing projects.

In Service,
Lady Bianca



from the Rapier Marshal

Greetings,

WAR!!!! is upon us and we are in full practice Lord Traithgren is the Central Commander. Congratulations on this opportunity. Practice for WAR! will be starting at 11 am, the first Sunday in October. Come ready for WAR! practice. Thank you to the Barony and the Baron and Baroness. Thank you to the Waterbearer for all your support at Champions. Congrats to all the winners of Champions. Congrats to all those that have received their authorizations. We look forward to working with you and having a great time fencing with you.

In Service,
Lord JT



from the Chirurgeon

Unto the populace of al-Barran, greetings;

I, Lord Sean MacRuaidhri O'Ceallachain, am proud to be your new Baronial Chirurgeon. I would like to thank Their Excellencies Gregor and Monika for allowing me to undertake this responsibility and thank Sir Dennis the Wright for his help and encouragement. I have some mighty big boots to fill following Sir Dennis into this office.

For those who do not know me, I have been involved with the SCA for over ten years. I have previously served al-Barran as a Deputy Chronicler and Deputy Seneschal. I am a warranted Chirurgeon, and mundanely, an EMT Intermediate working for an ambulance service in Valencia County. I will soon be undertaking Paramedic school at CNMCC (formerly TVI).

I intend to continue Sir Dennis' work with the battlefield Chirurgeon teams and I would like to see as many Chirurgeons as possible authorized as both heavy and light Marshals in preparation for War.

I would also ask all Chirurgeons in al-Barran to contact me and let me know your current status (In Training, Chirurgeon, Mentor, Emeritus), when your CPR and First Aid certificates expire and if you have any mundane medical skills, certificates, or training. I hope to be able to organize CPR and First Aid classes for both new and renewed certificates.

If anyone has any questions, comments, suggestions or feedback of any kind, please feel free to contact me at chirurgeon@al-barran.org or by phone at 505-553-8912.

In Service to the Dream,
Tiarna Sean

from the Baronial Scribe

Greetings,

I am Michael M'Quilline, and I have just accepted the post of Baronial Scribe. I would like to begin by giving my thanks to Mistress Monika for her outstanding performance in this office, and her counsel and encouragement have been of immense value to me as I take my first few steps in this office.



Well, we just enjoyed a splendid weekend at al-Barran Champions, and I hope everyone got to see the lovely works of art in the 3rd annual Scroll Competition. I was truly impressed, and I wish to acknowledge the winners of that competition.

3rd Place: Lady Sile
2nd Place: Lady Brighid
1st Place: Lord Llywus

Also, four award scrolls were given out during Their Excellencies' court during this event. These were completed by Lady Sile, Lady Brighid, Lord Michael, and one was completed by both Lord Llywus and Lady Elanor.

We have had a couple of kingdom events lately, namely Crown Tournament and Staked Plains. Two scribes from al-Barran completed scrolls for this event.

Ymanya Murray completed one scroll for Crown Tournament, and Ymanya and Mistress Monika both completed scrolls for Staked Plains.

I intend to make appearances at some of the scribal workshops in the near future. These workshops take place each Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the workshop of Baron Sebastian and THLady Alexandra. For directions (and to make sure the workshop is being held), please call 265-1906.

If you need to contact me for any reason, my contact information is:

Phone: 332-9213
E-Mail: ponyboy314@comcast.net

Thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. I greatly look forward to working with all of the wonderful scribes of our great barony.

In Service and Ever Vigilant,
Lord Michael

From the Captain of Archers

Greetings unto All,

As of al-Barran Champions, I have officially been instated as the new al-Barran Captain of Archers. I thank Don OEngus for all of his service and assistance in this transition. It will be my pleasure to service and champion the cause of archery in al-Barran for the upcoming period. Druid Aukring, as my deputy, can also be contacted concerning al-Barran archery.

Practices are held every Saturday at 10 am at Master Tore's. Please contact me for the directions. This range is also dependant upon weather, and historically the earliest snow occurs by Halloween. Please pay attention to the list for a winter range site.

This month, October 14, is Stag's Con and there will be archery related activities. All archers are invited to attend. We are also now moving into the off-season for archery. The next event with archery will be Estrella War in February. Details for winter shooting and frequency will be announced as soon as they are set.

We have had several archery events in the past two months. In August, arrows flew up in the north lands at St. Sebastian's and in the south lands at Clann War. Fun was had by all who attended. September brought us al-Barran Champions and Staked Plains.

Despite the change in venue, we managed to have the archery events of al-Barran champions on Sunday at our normal practice range. My thanks go to:

- Dona Sylvia and Master Tore for providing site and Tore for making that delicious smoked meat
- Don OEngus, Druid Aukring, and Baron Stefan for arriving early for set up and for marshaling the practice line.
- Her Excellency, Baroness Monika for attending and bringing new and returning archers.
- THL Ian for getting up early and traveling long distances to run an extremely enjoyable tournament for us.
- THL Steitan for providing portable targets.

THL Ian Lindsay MacRae ran a great and extremely entertaining Champion Archer Tournament. The winning archer had to prove his service to the king by killing the assassin, providing venison for the King's table and providing for his own supper (archers are not invited to the table). Congratulations to Baron Stefan, the new Champion Archer, for proving his prowess as an archer in all three areas.

During this season, we also had several archers attain rank advancements. These are: James of Lupton to Bowman in Open Handbow; Marcellus to Bowman in Open Handbow; Countess Caoilfhionn to Novice in Open Handbow; Ia of Basel to Bowman in Open Handbow. Scrolls will be available for these gentles. Congratulations to all!

Yours in Service,
Lady Lynceya

Regular Activities

Citizens Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact:* Lord Y, 265-0161.

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; the park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact:* THL Chinua, 220-3136.

Rapier Practice

Sunday afternoons at Bataan Park; the park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact:* Lady Elisabeau, 891-4555.

Westside Fighter Practice

First and third Saturdays from 9am to 11am at Paradise Hills Park near the northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (west) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (it's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact:* Lord Samuel 891-3821.

Archery Practice

Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am. Please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact:* Lady Lyneya del Filde for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org.

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice

Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is held in front of Carlisle Gym. *Directions:* Go west from Redondo and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

Newcomers Household

Meeting will be on 10/10 at 2830 Florida NE at 6:30pm. These are informal meetings to discuss/learn about various subjects such as preparing for a camping event, the meaning of honor, how to make a T-tunic, protocol, etc. A newcomer is being defined as a member for less than 2 years, but all are welcome. *Contact:* Duchess Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com.

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study and application of all types of weaving and its history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact:* Lady Monika at 323-5569 for more information and directions.



October Calendar of Events

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| 6 | Full Moon |
| 9 | Columbus Day |
| 14 | StagsCon Blaiddwyn |
| 28 | St. Gollas Feast Day |
| Gollas | St. |
| 31 | Halloween |

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Saturday

Regular Activities

Court Dance Practice

Our next Court Dance practices are 10/1, 10/15, 11/19, and 11/26 at Bataan Park from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Everyone age 6 and up is welcome. Please see the article in this issue for further details. For more information, contact Lady Jayne at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 or join our free discussion list: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/

Scorpion Scales

Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians. Instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: <http://home.comcast.net/~shiaomei/sscales.html> to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, at Lady Melody's house. Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article in this issue for current meeting place and monthly focus. Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR THL Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. Contact: THL Skia 344-0094 for more information and directions.

al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Youth Activities Volunteers Team

This team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans, and important information for youth and parents in al-Barran. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, go to yahogroups.com and join the al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents list. Please contact Lady Jayne at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 for further information.

Blaidwyn Project Conclave

Come and join Blaidwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. Contact Blaidwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Odile Balestra odile.balestra@gmail.com for days, times and location.

Scribes' Workshop

Learn the art of Calligraphy and Illumination. Scribes gather weekly at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. Location is the workshop of Baron Sebastian and THL Alexandra. Please call ahead (256-1906) for directions and to make sure the workshop will be held that night.

A Brief History of Milan

By Svyetlost Vladimir Igorevich

Milan or Milano is the main city of northern Italy, located on the plains of Lombardy. Milan's name comes from the Celtic Medelhan, meaning "*in the middle of the plain*", due either to its location in a plain close to the confluence of two small rivers, the Olona and the Seveso, or perhaps to its being close to, and roughly equidistant from, two major rivers, the Ticino and the Adda. Its Latin name, Mediolanum, roughly meaning "*wool in the middle*", also built on Celtic lore: Celts saw the boar as a mythical animal and according to a prophecy the site for the settlement would have been indicated to a Celtic king by the appearance of a wild pig or boar with a ridge of hair along its back, as reported by Cardano around 1626:

Nel fabricar de le superbe mura
De la prima Città ch'abbian gl'*Insubri*
Uscì da i fondamenti un gran *Cinghiale*,
Mezzo di pel setoso, e mezzo ignudo,
Onde MILAN chiamossi
Da gli Hedui, o Borgognoni, o pur da i Franchi,
Da cui l'origine hebbe,
Che altri di MEZZA LANA dir potrebbe

Translated:
While building the majestic wall
Of the first Town of *Insubres*
From the foundation a big boar came
Half with silk hair, and half bare
Therefore MILAN was called
From Hedui, or Burgundians or even from Franks
From which the origin came
That other could call of half wool

Today the boar is still sometimes used as a symbol of the city. According to another explanation, Mediolanum comes from a corruption of *In medio lanorum* meaning between the rivers - actually Milan still includes the two small Olona and Seveso rivers.

It is presumed Milan was originally founded by the Celts of Northern Italy around 600 BC and was conquered around 222 BC by the Romans, who gave it the name of Mediolanum. In the 4th century, at the time of the bishop Saint Ambrose and Emperor Theodosius I, the city was briefly the capital of the Western Roman Empire. At that time, Milan was the second largest city in Europe, with more than 300,000 inhabitants. St. Ambrose is now the Patron Saint of the city.

In the 11th century, after the Ostrogothic and Lombard periods, the city regained its importance and led other Italian cities in gaining semi-independence from the Holy Roman Empire (wars of the Lombard League against the emperor Frederick Barbarossa). During the Middle Ages Milan became one of the most rich and powerful cities of Europe (due its commerce and industries) and conquered and influenced great part of northern Italy. At the start of 13th century

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StagsCon

October 14, 2006

Mitchell Hall, University of New Mexico

Site is dry.

ITs the premiere service event of the kingdom! IT has fighting! IT has a free lunch! IT has enough classes to overload the toughest of minds. IT will be a free event! And IT is StagsCon.

This year's StagsCon will be held at Mitchell hall at Blaiddwyn in al-Barran this year (Mundanely UNM campus in Albuquerque) and it's shaping up to live up to it's grand name!

With as many classes as you could ever want from SCAing, to marshaling, to myth busting (and sooo much more) you'll have a full day on your plate. And speaking of plates, midway through the event, lunch will be provided for you to grab on the go, or sit under a tree and relax those brain muscles for a bit.

Regardless of whether your an old timey SCAer or a gung-ho newcomer, StagsCon has a little bit of something for everyone.

Plan on becoming a Seneschal? StagsCon has that. Plan on Marshaling on war? StagsCon has that. Plan on beating people over the head with a mace? StagsCon has that.

But wait there's more! ... and more... and more.. and more.

So head on over to this year's StagsCon! Everyone is invited and encouraged to come join in the fun, and the learning, because you can never know to much about this wonderful thing we all know and love: the SCA.

For class schedule, please go here:

<http://www.unm.edu/~kballar/StagsCon.htm>

There WILL be SCA signs to point the lost in the right direction.

Directions: From I-25 and Central; proceed up central until you reach yale. Turn left at the stoplight onto Yale and then left again at the three way stop. Follow the road as it curves around, and you see B-Lot. Parking here, Mitchell Hall is directly East.

Autocrat: Josh of Blaiddwyn (Joshua Edwards), 505-870-7079



al-Barran Arts and Sciences Collegium

November 18, 2006

Eubank Elementary School

9717 Indian School Road, Albuquerque, NM

Site opens at 8 a.m., closes at 9:30 p.m.

Site is dry.

We hope that you will join us at our Arts and Sciences Collegium. There will be classes in the Scribal Arts, Fiber Arts, Needle Arts, Costuming, Jewelry, Heraldry, Cooking and Food, Performing Arts and much more! If you would like to teach an arts or sciences class or classes, have suggestions for teachers that you would like to see teach at the Collegium, or suggestions for topics for an A&S class, please contact the Autocrat, Lady Jayne Barber.

Baroness Monika will be choosing the al-Barran A&S Champion from the displays by our Artisans and Scientists. You may display your A&S work in any manner that you wish. There will also be a desserts competition, a donations lunch, a heraldic consultation table, a youth room with classes and activities and a court dance ball at the Collegium.

Tentative Schedule is: 7-8am Set Up; 8am Gate Opens; 10am to noon and 1-5pm Heraldic Consultation Table; 9am to noon and 1-5pm A&S Classes; 9am to 5pm A&S Displays by al-Barran A&S Champion entrants; 9am to noon and 1 to 5pm Youth Room open and Youth Activities and Classes; 10-11:30am Desserts Competition entrants turn in desserts for judging; noon to 1pm Donations Lunch with entertainment or lunch on your own; 5pm Closing Court and announcement of our new A&S Champion; 5:30-7pm Dinner on your own; 7-9pm Court Dance Ball; 9-9:30pm Clean Up.

Fees: Adult members \$7.00 or donation of new unwrapped toy (value of \$5 or more); ages 11 to 17 \$5.00 or donation of new unwrapped toy (value of \$5 or more); age 10 and under are free. For Adult non-members, there is also a \$3.00 non-member surcharge.

If you want to volunteer to help with the gate, youth room, setup, tear down, cleanup, preparing and setting out the donations luncheon or if you have crash space to offer at your home or folding tables that you would be willing to loan us for this event please contact Lady Jayne. Your help and suggestions will be greatly appreciated!

More details for this event will be in the November Shaft, posted to discussion lists and on the event website. Please share this information with your friends and we hope to see you at the Collegium!

Directions: Take I-40 in Albuquerque to the Eubank exit on the east end of the city. Turn north onto Eubank and go ~1.4 miles to Indian School. Turn left (west) at the light onto Indian School and the site, Eubank Elementary will be on your immediate right. There are parking areas on the east end and front of the school, at the park on the west end of the school and at the back of the school.

Autocrat: Lady Jayne Barber (Barbara Krege), 505-293-7453

Deputy Autocrat: THL Christopher Blackwood (Chris Graham), 505-872-2994

Queen's Collegium

November 4, 2006

Barony of Dragonsspine
Colorado College, Palmer Hall
14 E Cache la Poudre St
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Site opens at 9 a.m., closes at 8 p.m.
Site is dry.

Come one, come all to the Queen's Collegium!

Our most gracious and fair Queen, Her Majesty Claudia Lisabette Senetori, has granted the Barony of Dragonsspine the Honor of hosting Her Collegium. This will be a day filled with many classes of the Arts and Sciences to fulfill everyone's and anyone's curiosity in just about any field.

Her Majesty has decreed that the finest Artisans and Teachers of the Realm attend Her to help spread the vast knowledge that surrounds us in Her Great Kingdom. An entire listing of classes along with their times and descriptions is just below. Take care to adequately plan your day as there are many classes worth attending that will interest many.

A lunch feast will be offered for the modest price of \$6 per person, children 4-12 \$4, and babes in arms free. Lord Geoffrey will be preparing a feast to tempt the tastebuds (and it's much better than fast food!). Lunch is pre-registration only though, so make sure to reserve your space! Cut off for lunch pre-registration is October 20, 2006. Remember, only a paid reservation is valid!

Send lunch pre-registration to:
Barony of Dragonsspine
PO Box 374
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Fees: Adult - \$10.00 (Bring one toy for Toys for Tots and receive a \$5.00 discount per adult); Children ages 6-12 - \$3.00; Children ages 5 and younger - FREE! There is a \$3.00 non-member surcharge. Please make checks payable to: SCA-Dragonsspine.

Directions:

Take I-25 North to exit 143, Uintah St. Turn right onto E. Uintah St and follow to Cascade Ave, turn right. Follow Cascade Ave south to Cache la Poudre St and follow SCA signs.

Autocrat:

THL Bronwen of Hindscroft (Jennifer Drury)
welshwmn3@gmail.com, (719) 590-8680 (no later than 9pm please)

Class Coordinator:

Mistress Marguerite Dinard (Tonda Pratt)
artsandsciences@outlands.org, (307) 214-8093 (no later than 9pm please)

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the city touched the number of 200,000 inhabitants and during the Plague of 1349 Milan was one of the few places in Europe that was untouched by the epidemic, but it was deeply affected by the plagues of 1402 (50,000 deaths), 1542 (80,000), 1576 (17,000) and 1629 (also known as Great Plague of Milan, 70,000 deaths).

During the Renaissance Milan was ruled by dukes of the Visconti and Sforza families, who had artists like Leonardo da Vinci and Bramante at their service. After trying to conquer the rest of northern Italy in the 15th century, Milan was conquered by France, and then later on by Austria (Habsburg), then given in the early 16th century to the Spanish Habsburg line to rule.

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milan>



from the Reeve

Greetings unto the Populace,

We have a bank account and it has money. Yeah!!!

Currently the Barony has \$19,666.87.

I would like to thank anyone who has pulled gate duty for any event. I know it can be a trying job. Thank you for your time and patience.

With A Day of A&S, Toys for Tots and Midwinter fast approaching, if you would like to learn how to work gate please contact me and I will hold a class, or several if needed. I would like for anyone who is going to work gate at an event to have the class before doing so. If you need a refresher the class is also valuable. I am also currently looking for volunteers to help with gate classes. If you would be interested in becoming a Gate Deputy please contact me.

On the al-Barran site under Officers there is a Reeve site. It lists my deputies and has paperwork information.

In Service,
Lady Sile

alBarran and Outlands Youth Teams

The al-Barran Youth Team has regularly scheduled team meetings in al-Barran to discuss youth activities, plans and important information for youth and parents in al-Barran. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers. To join this free yahoo discussion list, go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents/. Please contact Lady Jayne Barber (aka Lady Barbara) at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 for additional information.

The Outlands Youth Team is a kingdom wide team of about 40 children, teens, parents and youth volunteers. We look at various projects for the kingdom that affect our youth and discuss and make suggestions and changes via a discussion list that anyone may join at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OutlandsYouthTeam/>. Copies of documents and proposals that we are working on, are in the Files of this yahoo site. We will hold our 3rd Meeting at Stags Con in the afternoon of Saturday, October 14, at UNM in Albuquerque. We will be discussing resources for parents, youth and volunteers, the current Minister of Children Guidelines, a proposal for an Outlands Page School and other important topics. We hope you will join us at this meeting of the Outlands Youth Team. Everyone is welcome!

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber
Youth Activities Information Contact Person



Court Dancing

Our next Court Dance practices are October 1st and 15th and November 19th and 26th at fighter practice park, Bataan Park, from 12:00 to 2:00pm (please note the time change). Everyone, age 6 and up are welcome at our court dance practices. There are also court dance practices at UNM on the 3rd floor of the SUB, every other Monday evening with Lady Dovey and there will be court dance classes at the al-Barran Arts and Sciences Collegium on Saturday, November 18.

If you want more information concerning court dancing in al-Barran, please contact Lady Jayne at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran Music and Court Dance discussion list by going to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/. This free yahoo discussion list will give you the latest information concerning dance practices and Scorpion Scales music practices in al-Barran.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber

PONY-WORLD

by Lord Michael McQuillan

Time to be
"Slaine,"
Pookie!!!!



"Lady Slaine's Dream Sequence"



A&S Teachers & Volunteers Wanted for A&S Collegium

If you would like to teach an arts or sciences class or classes at the al-Barran Arts and Sciences Collegium on Saturday, November 18th, please contact the Autocrat, Lady Jayne Barber at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 home. If you want to volunteer to help with the gate, youth room, setup, tear down, cleanup, preparing and setting out the donations luncheon or you have suggestions for teachers for the Collegium, topics for an A&S class, crash space to offer at your home or folding tables that you would be willing to loan us for this event please contact Lady Jayne. Your help and suggestions will be greatly appreciated!

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War Training

Greetings,

The Order of the Scorpion Sting will soon be holding a series of special training classes. This war college will occur one Saturday per month until Estrella War and is open to all interested fighters.

Some points of interest are: Limited to no drills, slow training, varied formats, all suitable weapon styles (how to use them, how to beat them), and FUN!

All members of the Order whom I have not spoken to, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. I do not have everyone's contact information. All other fighters, please let me know if you are interested in participating in this college. Here is my contact information:

Phone: 505-266-0634

Email: tancred@mindspring.com

Thank you,
Lord Tancred



This Month in Medieval History

1066 - In England on Senlac Hill, seven miles from Hastings, the forces of William the Conqueror defeat the Saxon army and kill King Harold II of England.

1189 - Gerard de Ridefort, grandmaster of the Templars since 1184 is killed in the Siege of Acre.

1210 - Pope Innocent III excommunicates German leader Otto IV.

1415 - The army of Henry V of England defeats the French at the Battle of Agincourt.

1469 - Ferdinand II of Aragon marries Isabella of Castile, a marriage that paves the way to the unification of Aragon and Castile into a single country, Spain.

1492 - Christopher Columbus's expedition makes landfall in the Caribbean. The explorer believes he has reached East Asia.

1506 - Pope Julius II and France occupy Bologna.

1514 - Marriage of Louis XII of France and Mary Tudor.

1517 - Martin Luther posts his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg.

1552 - Conquest of Kazan by Ivan the Terrible.

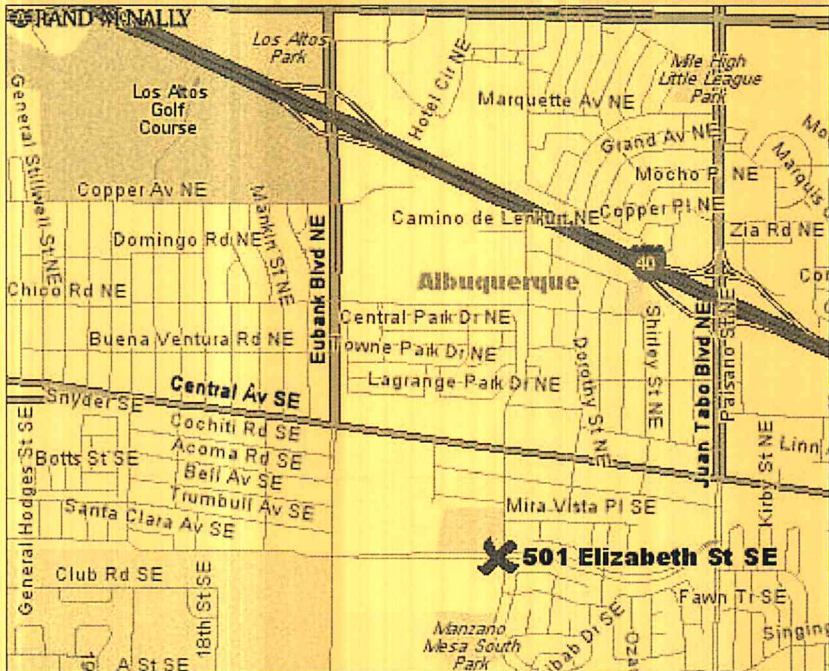
1586 - Mary I of Scotland goes on trial for conspiracy against Elizabeth I of England.

Citizen's Meeting

The Citizen's Meeting is located at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. The meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be on October 17th. Please contact the Seneschal, Lord Y Port Lairge at 265-0161 for further information.

Driving Directions:

Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue on Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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Bladdwyn's website: <http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html> SCA's website: <http://www.sca.org>

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